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application.

Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A method for scheduling events in a computer processing

system, comprising:

identifying multiple queues, each of the multiple queues associated with a corresponding

priority, each of the queues including events;

defining a data structure with a root level having a node group, the node group having k

number of nodes, each of the k number of nodes sharing a pointer, each of the k number of

nodes stored contiguously in memory, wherein the k number is equal to a number of multiple

queues;

associating the multiple queues with respective nodes of the data structure;

assigning a value representing the corresponding priority to the respective nodes;

determining a priority between the respective nodes based on respective values

representing the corresponding priority to the respective nodes the value; and

selecting one of the events multiple queues corresponding to a node having a highest

priority for transmission to a processing resource.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

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rescheduling the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues after selection.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the method operation of rescheduling the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues after selection includes,

determining if the node having the highest priority one of the multiple queues will be empty after selection.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

if the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues will be empty after selection, then the method includes,

removing the value representing the corresponding priority from the <u>node having</u> the highest priority respective nodes.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

if the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues will not be empty after selection, then the method includes,

retaining the value representing the corresponding priority from the <u>node having the</u>

<u>highest priority respective nodes</u>, thereby enabling rescheduling of the <u>node having the highest</u>

<u>priority one of the multiple queues</u> after selection.

10. (previously presented) The method of Claim 5, further comprising:

resolving conflicts between respective nodes assigned a same value by rotating a pointer among the respective nodes assigned the same value.

Claims 11-21 (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having program instructions

for scheduling events in a computer processing system, comprising:

program instructions for identifying multiple queues, each of the multiple queues

associated with a corresponding priority, each of the queues including events;

program instructions for defining a data structure with a root level having a node group,

the node group having k number of nodes, each of the k number of nodes sharing a pointer, each

of the k number of nodes stored contiguously in memory, wherein the k number is equal to a

number of multiple queues;

program instructions for associating the multiple queues with respective nodes of the

data structure;

program instructions for assigning a value representing the corresponding priority to the

respective nodes;

program instructions for determining a priority between the respective nodes based on

respective values representing the corresponding priority to the respective nodes the value; and

program instructions for selecting one of the events multiple queues corresponding to a

node having a highest priority for transmission to a processing resource.

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23. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

rescheduling the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues after selection.

24. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23, wherein the program instructions for rescheduling the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues after selection includes,

determining if the node having the highest priority one of the multiple queues will be empty after selection.

25. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising:

if the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues will be empty after selection, then the computer readable medium includes,

program instructions for removing the value representing the corresponding priority from the <u>node having the highest priority respective nodes</u>.

26. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising:

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if the <u>node having the highest priority</u> one of the multiple queues will not be empty after selection, then the computer readable medium includes,

program instructions for retaining the value representing the corresponding priority from the <u>node having the highest priority respective nodes</u>, thereby enabling rescheduling of the <u>node</u> having the highest priority one of the multiple queues after selection.

27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

program instructions for resolving conflicts between respective nodes assigned a same value by rotating an additional pointer among the respective nodes assigned the same value.